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Title: FEATURE QUALITY IN ARRAY FABRICATION

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Please cancel claim 24 and amend other of the claims as indicated in the attached APPENDIX. A clean copy of all the pending claims currently under consideration in the present application and incorporating all amendments to date, is reproduced below:

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19. An apparatus for fabricating an array of features, comprising:
a drop deposition system to deposit multiple reagent droplets for each of multiple target feature locations so as to form the array of features;
an image capture system which provides a set of multiple images of a target feature location, each image of the set representing the target feature location following deposition of a corresponding sub-set of multiple droplets for that feature;
and
a processor which generates an overlay composite from the image set.